

Split Rail / Slip Board Fence Layout and Installation Guide

Sample Order: 225' of 3 rail Split Rail / Slip Board Fence with (1) 4'w gate in a back yard configuration of fence from house to property line (25') then follow property lines around the back yard (50' down property line, 75' across back line and 50' back up the property line) and back into the other side of the house (25'):

- ✓ 72 – 11' rails (minimum)
 - ✓ 19 – line posts 4 – corner posts 4 - end posts
 - ✓ 1 – 4' wide gate with hardware
 - ✓ 2 – 100' rolls of wire 1 – 50' roll of wire (if wire is desired)
 - ✓ Staples
-

How to Plan a Split Rail or Slip Board Fence

1. Create a sketch of the area that you wish to install your fence. Take accurate measurements of this area. Remember that the center of a full section is 10'6". It is possible to trim the section if needed.
2. Establish the location of all gates.
3. Determine the number of rails needed
4. Determine the number of posts needed (lines, ends and corners). Ends are used for gate posts.
5. If you will be adding wire, measure the total length of the fence. That will be how much wire you need.

Before Installing

Consult your township/county for local code requirements. Check with utility companies to locate underground pipes, lines, cables, etc.

Basic Installation Instructions

1. Dig first post hole - (start at a corner post or at end post that is against a building).
2. Recommended hole size; 12”wide x 32”deep.
3. Insert the first post into the hold and pack with dry dirt, unless it is a gate post. Then you want to use dry concrete (gate posts are the only post necessary to apply concrete for stability).
4. The top of the top hole for the rail should not be below 50” for 3 rail and 38” for 2 rail.
5. String a line for the first line of fence on the opposite side of the post than the wire.
6. Mark centers for the posts in this line at 10’6” centers.
7. Repeat step 2 (set all gate posts 3”- 4” wider than actual gate width – measure your gate width first).
8. It is recommended to install all your post – be accurate with your post centers.
9. Insert rails after all posts are set.
10. Attach wire to fence with 1 ¼” galvanized staples onto fencepost and rails – do not install above the top rail.
11. Install gates (see gate installation).